FINAL CULTURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY for the SOL ORCHARD PROJECT, VALLEY CENTER, SAN DIEGO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

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NATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL DATABASE INFORMATION

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Client/Project Proponent: RBF Consulting

Report Date: September 2011

Report Title: Cultural Resources Inventory for the Sol Orchard Project, Valley

Center, San Diego County, California

Type of Study: Phase I Archaeological Survey

New Sites: N/A

Updated Sites: N/A

USGS Quads: Valley Center and Rodriquez Mountain 7.5-minute

Acreage: 55 acres

Keywords: Archaeological Inventory, Positive, Valley Center and Rodriquez

Mountain 7.5' USGS quadrangles, negative survey



26 September 2011

RE: Sol Orchard, Valley Center Solar Farm; 17300 Cultural Resources - Negative Findings

To Whom It May Concern:

Please be advised that a survey has been conducted on the above referenced project. It has been determined that there are no cultural resources present on this property. The project has been plotted on the attached USGS 7.5 minute topographical map for your information.

County: San Diego

USGS 7.5' Quad: Valley Center and Rodriquez Mountain, Sections: 8, Township: 11S, Range:

1W

Address: 15155 Vesper Road

City: Valley Center, State: California

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Assessor Parcel Number(s): 188-290-20-00

UTM: 551153mE/3619979mN WGS84- taken from the southwest corner of the project using a

Trimble GPS unit. Elevation: 3093 ft abms

Owner and Address: Sol Orchard LLC

PO Box 222416 Carmel, CA 93923

Survey Type: Intensive Pedestrian Date of Survey: 1 June 2011

Field Crew: Chad Willis, Ian Frasier-Shapiro, and Native American monitor, Chris Deevers

Description: The field survey was conducted using standard archaeological procedures and techniques. Continuous parallel transects (15 meters) were walked in an east/west direction. Survey conditions in these areas were good to fair, with some areas partially obscured by ground cover in the form of native grasses. In areas possessing dense vegetation, the survey methodology was adjusted to accommodate surface examination of trails and clearings and to facilitate the inspection of bedrock outcrops and stream beds. No artifacts or features were identified during this survey.

This project proposes the development and operation of a concentrated photovoltaic (CPV) solar farm to be located on privately held lands near Valley Center (Figure 3). Due to the lack of prehistoric and historic cultural resources encountered during the intensive survey of this property, no further cultural resources work is recommended. It must be noted however, that if unanticipated cultural resources are encountered during construction activities related to this project that construction be stopped in order for a qualified archeologist to make an assessment.

Record Search: Staff conducted a records search of the surrounding area using the California Historic Resources Inventory System (CHRIS). Thirty-one (31) cultural resource studies have been conducted within a one mile radius and 39 cultural resources were identified. The closest site to the project area is SDI-599. It is located 60 meters west of the APE and consist of a bedrock milling station originally recorded by Paul G. Chace and Donna Collins of Paul G. Chace & Associates. A copy of the CHRIS record search verification form is available in the confidential appendices.

Native American Consultation: No Sacred Lands were identified by the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC). Staff contacted the Native American groups and individuals provided by the NAHC to further investigate whether they have knowledge of Sacred Lands occurring on the subject parcels. No response was received. Confidential Appendix B provides a copy of consultation with the NAHC and an example of the Native American contact letters.

Sincerely,

Micah Hale.

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Attachments

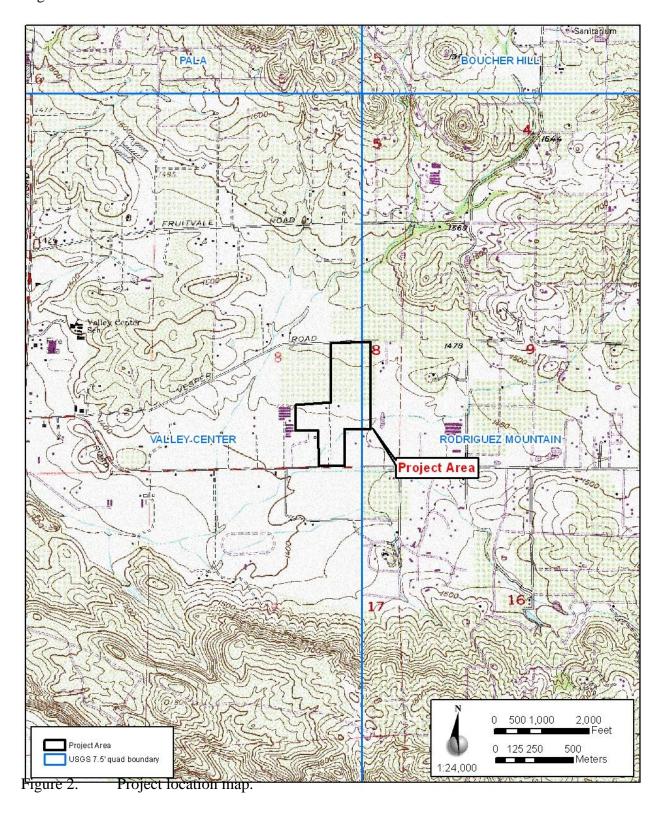
Figure 1. General Vicinity Map

Figure 2. USGS Topographical Map

Figure 3. Project Design Plan

Appendix A. CONFIDENTIAL—Bound Separate: CHRIS record search Appendix B. CONFIDENTIAL—Bound Separate: NAHC Consultation





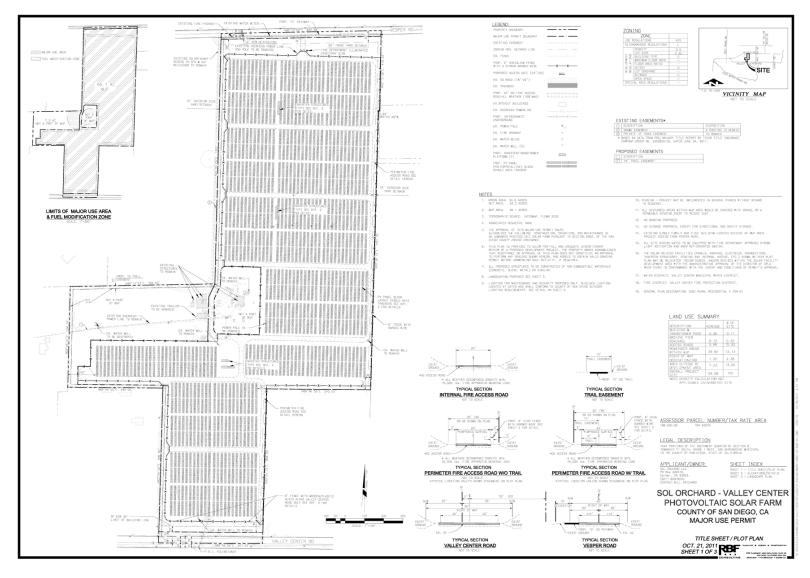


Figure 3. Project Design Plan.



CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL RESOURCES INFORMATION SYSTEM RECORDS SEARCH

Company: ASM Affiliates. Inc.

Company Representative: James T. Daniels, Jr., M.A., RPA

Date Processed: 5/31/2011

Project Identification: 17300

Search Radius: 1 mile

Historical Resources: ND

Trinomial and Primary site maps have been reviewed. All sites within the project boundaries and the specified radius of the project area have been plotted. Copies of the site record forms have been included for all recorded sites.

Previous Survey Report Boundaries:

ND

Project boundary maps have been reviewed. National Archaeological Database (NADB) citations for reports within the project boundaries and within the specified radius of the project area have been included.

Historic Addresses: ND

A map and database of historic properties (formerly Geofinder) has been included.

Historic Maps: ND

The historic maps on file at the South Coastal Information Center have been reviewed, and copies have been included.

Summary of SHRC Approved CHRIS IC Records Search Elements	
Address-Mapped	no
GIS Shapes:	0
GIS Shapes:	92
Searchable Pages:	32
Standard Pages:	317
Aerial Photos:	0
Quads:	2
Hours:	1.5
RUSH:	yes